Reply of Government.—The question has since been finally disposed of. (*Vide* Government Order No. R. 3335-6—Mis. 504-04-2, dated 11th September 1905. Such individual cases cannot affect the general rules.)

SUBJECT No. 272.

Contract of tank works to be given to the big wet land-holders.

Messrs. Srinivasa Rao and Rama Rao of Malur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It is requested that the contract work of the major and minor tanks may be given out to the big wet land-holders possessing lands thereunder.

Reply of Government.—The existing orders meet all wants.

SUBJECT No. 273.

Contracts of Public Works to be given to local men.

Mr. Sreekantaiya, Maddagiri Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—In Subject No. 363 of Dasara Representative Assembly Proceedings of 1893, Government have ordered that contracts of Public Works should be given to local men. But no attention is paid to this order and the foreigners are chosen as contractors who execute these works as early as they can with no regard for their stability. It is prayed that strict adherence of Standing Orders may be enjoined.

Reply of Government.—*Vide* Subject No. 272.

SUBJECT No. 274.

Annual repairs to nalas.

Messrs. Amble Annaiya Pandit, Member of the District Board, Mysore.

Summary of discussion.—The annual repairs to nalas should be entrusted to the raiyats possessing lands under them. If they refuse to take up contracts, it is requested that orders may be issued to take measurements in the presence of two or three important land-holders to show that earth-work has been executed by the Nala Department to the satisfaction of the raiyats.

Reply of Government.—*Vide* reply to Subject No. 272.

SUBJECT No. 275.

Construction of Madavois or sluices.

Messrs. Tirumarana Iyengar, Padmarajaiya and Krishnappa, Channarayapatna Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The want of some system regulating the size, etc., of sluices has been the source of much trouble and quarrels among the raiyats. The size of sluices may therefore be determined in proportion to the quantity of water required for lands thereunder. The sluices may be constructed of brick and mortar by the Public Works Department, the annual repairs also being undertaken by that Department at the cost of the raiyats concerned. Persons damaging such sluices may be rendered liable to punishment under the channel rules.

Reply of Government.—This is a matter well worth consideration. Will be referred to the Public Works Department.

SUBJECT No. 276.

Bridging the Cauvery between Konanur and Frazerpet.

Mr. Lakshminarasimhachar, Hassan District Board.

Summary of discussion.—There is a bridge near Yedatore across the Cauvery river. Many people who have to travel from Hassan to Mercara have to undergo difficulties, there being no bridge over the Cauvery between Konanur and Frazerpet, which may be ordered to be constructed. If it is expedient or necessary, consent of the Coorg Government may be obtained to pay half the cost, as the Coorg subjects are also equally benefited by the construction of the bridge.

Reply of Government.—Noted. The bridge must lie over till more important ones in other parts of the State are first constructed.

RAILWAY.

SUBJECT No. 277.

Connection of the Bellary-Rayadurga Railway line with the Bangalore-Poona line at Holalkere.

Messrs. B. Vedanta Iyengar and Mahomed Dastagir Sab, Municipal Members, Chitaldrug.

Summary of discussion.—The Railway line from Bellary to Rayadurga, which is now completed, may be connected with the Bangalore-Poona line at Holalkere with advantage for the convenience of traffic.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 278.

Light Railways in the Malnad.

Mr. Javali Ganesh Rao, Member, Kadur District Board; and Mr. C. Vasudeva Rao of Chikmagalur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It is requested that Light Railways may be constructed in the Malnad.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 279.

A Railway line from Shimoga to Koppa.

Mr. Kigga Channakesava Rao of Koppa Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—As the Koppa Taluk is purely Malnad, it is requested that a Railway line may be opened from Shimoga to Koppa. This facilitates influx of intending settlers into the Taluk, which at present is very thinly populated. More lands would thus come under cultivation and the agricultural produce of the Taluk enhanced. A Railway would also facilitate the export of the produce of the Taluk.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 280.

Issue of tickets to third class passengers.

Messrs. Srinivasa Rao and Rama Rao of Malur.

Summary of discussion.—The third class passengers are subject to much inconvenience in times of Dasara and other festive occasions in securing tickets. It often happens that their money, baggage, etc., are lost in this confusion. If the restriction of issuing tickets at a specified time be removed and the same be issued at all times, the above inconvenience will be avoided.

Note.—The member also wanted more standing and waiting space at the Maddur Railway Station.

Reply of Government.—Will be referred to the Agent, Southern Maharata Railway, for consideration.

GENERAL MISCELLANEOUS.

SUBJECT No. 281.

Establishment of Orphanages at all District Head-quarters.

Messrs. Kigga Channakesava Rao of Koppa Taluk; Madappa and Kodandapani Setti, Mysore.

Summary of discussion.—It is requested that orphanages may be established at all head-quarters at an early date.

Reply of Government.—Two have been established, one in Bangalore and another in Mysore. Progress must be gradual as wants assert themselves.